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**CARECEN STATEMENT REGARDING FIFTH CIRCUIT COURT HEARING
ON EMERGENCY MOTION IN *TEXAS V. UNITED STATES***

(April 17, 2015 Los Angeles) – Today, the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans heard the case for lifting a Republican Texas judge’s injunction against President Obama’s programs to keep immigrant families together, commonly known as DACA and DAPA. These programs grant protection from deportation and temporary work permits to about 5 million people without legal status. The panel did not issue a decision on the matter before them.

“CARECEN believes the President’s action was correct and completely within the scope of executive powers, especially in light of Congress’s long and persistent refusal to reform our broken immigration system,” said Martha Arévalo, CARECEN Executive Director. “We expect justice will prevail and that the Court of Appeals will lift the injunction soon to allow preparations for these programs to continue, even as a challenge remains.”

CARECEN and many other organizations throughout Southern California stand ready to continue informing the public and helping those who can benefit prepare to come out of the shadows. We are also committed to fighting and eliminating fraudulent *notarios* and other providers who cheat immigrants of their hard-earned money and ruin their chances at legitimate relief. We are here to inform and protect our community.

To that end, we are having a press conference at 10 a.m. Tuesday, April 21, at Grand Park to announce a resource fair for the public to find out more about DAPA/DACA and other measures and programs that can benefit immigrants.

CARECEN has worked for 32 years to protect the rights and dignity of Central American and Latino immigrants in Southern California. Since its founding in 1983, when thousands of Central Americans were fleeing the brutality of civil war, CARECEN has worked to change unjust immigration policies, win legal status for immigrants, and foster community activism on issues such as education reform, workers and immigrant rights, economic justice and community strengthening.

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